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ONE CENT

WEEK'S VACATION TO BE OBSERVED BY THE SCHOOLS

Pupils Dismissed Today for Holidays — Night Schools Closed

COACH LEANEY QUILTS PLACE

Schools were dismissed today for the abbreviated holiday vacation of one week. January 2 will be the resumption date, and shortly after will begin the preparation for the mid-term examinations, which like most everything else in the schools this year are late.

One holiday resignation is reported, that of Joseph Leahey of the high school faculty who has proffered his resignation in order that he may take up work in Massachusetts. Mr. Leahey is athletic coach and teacher of history and solid geometry. He will make his departure at once and the vacancy will be filled if possible during the holidays.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the teachers with their pupils went to the Elks' home where the annual Santa Claus treat was given. This was the final act of the school ma'ams before final dismissal.

Not only the day school but all the night schools will be closed during the holidays, and the doors to buildings locked. Only one week of vacation is being observed this year on account of the late start of school in October.

FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF RABBIT FALL TO LOT OF PENNSYLVANIA HUNTERS

Five thousand tons of rabbit fell to the lot of Pennsylvania hunters, during the past season, according to an estimate prepared by John M. Phillips of the State Game Commission. Mr. Phillips said that veteran hunters have told him that rabbits were more plentiful in the state this year than ever before in their memory. More than 4,000,000, he said, weighing about two and one-half pounds each were killed by sportsmen during the open season.

Rabbits were not the only animals killed during the open season, according to Mr. Phillips. About 4,000 wild turkeys, 2,000 deer and 250 wild black bear became tributes to the skill of Pennsylvania hunters. More black bear were killed in Pennsylvania said Mr. Phillips, than in any three Western states. About 300,000 hunter's licenses were issued, while a great number of others hunted without licenses on their own property without licenses.

Mr. Phillips gave some interesting statistics regarding quail which showed that these birds were a luxury almost beyond the dreams of extravagance. A live quail, he said, weighing from 5 to 6 ounces, sells in this state for about \$3. When the head, feet, and feathers are removed, and the bird is cleaned, the meat remaining to be eaten weighs not more than two ounces. Sportsmen throughout

WEASEL RAISES HAVOC IN COOP OF CHICKENS

Animal at Station Platform Kill— Nearly 25 Fowls Before it is Killed—Former Experience With Snake

The local Adams Express company's office seems fated to disastrous experiences with animals and reptiles which ought to be in the zoo. Some time ago a snake being shipped to a carnival broke loose at the express office and started a trip of exploration. Not much damage was done by the reptile, but it caused a big lot of excitement.

The latest experience was with a weasel. This animal was in a box consigned to Brownsville. On the platform at the local station it smelled live chickens. Anyone familiar with the habits of weasels, knows that chicken is to it a delicacy to risk death for. This weasel broke from its box and into a coop of chickens. Before it had been shot and the devastation stopped all chickens in the coop but five had been killed. The loss was considerable, inasmuch as nearly 25 dead were counted.

HOSPITAL HAS MANY PATIENTS

Nineteen Being Cared For at Local Institution—Preparing for Christmas

ARRANGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Nineteen patients are being cared for at the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, but none of them are in a serious though all are in an uncomfortable condition. This is near capacity. Preparations are being made for the Christmas observance at the hospital.

Most of the patients are suffering from some sort of disease, though there are some accident cases on hand.

Women from Charleroi have assisted in decorating the institution, which has taken on a festive air by the liberal use of Christmas colors. A Christmas dinner on Christmas day will be a feature.

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Ladies' Handkerchiefs, attractively put up in boxes. 25c to \$1.00, liberal selection at lowest prices. Kirk and Clark. 160-t2.

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VAUDEVILLE EVERY DAY AT THE PALACE

the state, said Mr. Phillips are beginning to realize the necessity of preserving the game, and are assisting the game commission to provide shelter and food for the birds through the winter. As an experiment the commission has brought 6,000 quail from Mexico, which will be released in various sections of the state in the spring.

EXPRESS AND MAIL SERVICE TOSPY TURVY PASSENGER TRADE SUFFERS FROM BUSY PERIOD

Little Hope for Letup Until After Christmas—Express Trains Running Half a Day Late—Freight Situation Shows Little Improvement.

Mail service is tosy-turvy, express, freight is apparently in a hopeless state, freight is no better and passenger service is a haphazard sort of thing. This present gloomy state of affairs is due to the busiest Christmas period western Pennsylvania ever experienced.

The mail service is tied up by late arrival of mail matter, as well as the unusually heavy parcel post business. Mail trains out of Pittsburgh are running today anywhere from one to more than two hours late, and there is no way of bettering conditions. Trains are held back from leaving Union station because of a tie-up of tracks and numerous other causes. The express business is in a sorry plight. Second section trains carry-

P. R. R. AGENTS TO RUN AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Under a new plan for handling applications for work, which is now being put into effect by the Pennsylvania Railroad, every one of the 1500 station agents on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie will become an employment agent. In connection with this change, what will virtually be an employment clearing house is to be established in the general manager's department at Broad street station, Philadelphia.

The purpose of this new plan is to encourage the entrance into the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad of a greater number of men who live in the neighborhood of its lines and shops. Notices will be posted conspicuously at various points along the railroad, directing all persons seeking employment to apply to the station agent. The agent will interview each applicant, learn his capabilities as fully as possible and direct him to the nearest shop foreman, supervisor, trainmaster or road foreman of engines, who may have vacancies at their disposal. If there are no vacancies on the division where the application is made, it will be forwarded to the office of the general manager in Broad Street station where it will be handled through the clearing house plan which is to be established there.

WASHINGTON BANKS TO PAY CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Directors of the Washington Trust company at a meeting Thursday declared a special Christmas dividend of \$1 on each share of stock and decided to present each employee with a month's salary. The Citizens National Bank will present each employee with two \$25 gold pieces, and the Real Estate Trust Company will give each employee \$40.

Just received a new lot of V neck sweaters in red and black and black and gold. Just the thing for the high school boys. Berryman's. 159-t2.

ONE OF THE BEST—BARNEY M'GUIRE VS JOHNNY RAY, TEN ROUNDS, MAIN BOUT, RINK, SATURDAY

SIZZLING ATTRACTION PROMISED ON SATURDAY

Johnny Ray, who meets Barney McGuire before the Charleroi A. C. Saturday night, has written Promoter James Buchanan assuring him that if McGuire fights there is going to be a sizzling altercation. Ray boxes in Philadelphia on Christmas Day and he wants to go east with a victory over the Johnstown boy to help him on his way. Battling Frascatore and Al Martin meet in the semi-final and Chaiky Wilmer and Young Meredith, the latter a new man in the Charleroi ring will box the second attraction.

INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR STATE-PITT DANCE HERE

Invitations have been issued for the annual dance to be given December 29 by the State-Pitt club, composed of students from the two educational institutions. The dance will be given in Might's Auditorium and will be informal.

RECEIVE CHRISTMAS TREE CUT FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOREST

From Mrs. Ella Phalen McGear of Colorado, Bessie, Boyd and Dwight Fields have received a Christmas tree. The tree is a blue pine cut from a Rocky Mountain forest. The children are niece and nephews of Mrs. McGear, who formerly lived here.

Banks Open Saturday Night
The Charleroi banking institutions are making plans for the Christmas season. To that end they will remain open Saturday night from 8 o'clock until 11. All banks will be closed, Monday, Christmas day.

Georgette Crepe Collars.
New lot, 50c and \$1.00. Kirk and Clark. 160-t2.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BREUER TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Services to be Conducted at Late Home—Was Well Known Woman— Came Here From Tarentum.

The funeral of Mrs. Louise Breuer will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home on Washington avenue and Eighth street, conducted by Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church of which she was a member. The interment will be in Charleroi cemetery.

Mrs. Breuer came here from Tarentum 25 years ago, starting here in company with Mrs. Pily and Mrs. Fred Kohle and families. In Pittsburgh Mrs. Kohle was nearly killed in a railroad accident and Mrs. Breuer risked her life by seizing the baby, which Mrs. Kohle carried in her arms.

For some time Mrs. Breuer had been in a comatose condition. Her last words were the twenty-third Psalm.

ROBBER OF TAXI DRIVER CHARGED

Charleroi Man Arrested by State Trooper—Will be Given Jury Trial

DETAILS OF ACT NARRATED

Charged with impersonating an officer and holding up and robbing a taxi driver, Oliver Pegg of Charleroi was arrested Wednesday at Belle Vernon by State Trooper Sturm and taken to Monongahela for a preliminary hearing. He demanded a jury trial, which will be given him this evening before Alderman Elwood.

John McClain, a driver for Roley Brothers Taxicab company, alleges that Pegg, about Saturday midnight, stopped him and, posing as a state trooper, requested him to alight from his machine. He did so and Pegg took \$3 from him, all he had.

Pegg is said to be one of the famous "transom gang" which was accused of many robberies in the Monongahela valley and the leader of which, Alfred Butler, is now serving time.

NINTH STREET TEACHERS ENJOY HOLIDAY DINNER

Teachers of the Ninth street school this afternoon held their annual Christmas dinner in the school dining room, it being an annual event of much interest and enjoyment. Tomorrow the regular Christmas celebration at the Ninth street school will take place.

Notice

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CAPTAIN YOUNG'S RECORD CLEARED BY LEGISLATION

Beallsville Man Completely Exonerated of Civil War Charges

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE BILL

President Woodrow Wilson's signature has been affixed to the bill purging the military record of Captain Harvey H. Young, of Beallsville, and the aged veteran of the Civil war can now receive a pension and enjoy all the other privileges the laws of this nation extend to those who have served on the battlefield for their country. Captain Young's violations of the military laws which resulted in his being court-martialed and dismissed from service were termed as "technical" or a matter of judgment.

Captain Young was mustered into service on June 29, 1861, as a member of the company of Captain Keys, of the Ringgold cavalry, with the rank of corporal. He then enlisted a company of his own, known as E, and was made its captain. He saw service continually until dismissed after his trial by court-martial on November 21, 1863, at New Creek, W. Va.

Charges made against Captain Young were as follows: Signing a false certificate in relation to the absence of an officer and the state of his company; misapplying forage belonging to the government; of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, and of wrong fully and knowingly disposing of public property of the United States.

David M. Snyder, commissary sergeant of Captain Young's company, completely exonerated his superior officer in a signed statement which was ficer to congress in Captain Young's behalf. In opening his document, Sergeant Snyder explains how he was in position to be in touch with affairs of the company.

Sergeant Snyder said that Lieutenant Keys, with whom Captain Young had some indifferences, refused to join the company after a leave of absence had expired though commanded to do so. Not wishing to injure Lieutenant Keys' name, Captain Young appealed to Colonel Joseph Thoburn, brigade commander for instructions. He ordered Captain Young to report the lieutenant absent without leave, which was done.

Relative to signing a false certificate, Sergeant Snyder said Captain Young signed a statement which he believed to be the truth at the time but that it developed later that some of the facts were misstated. He said Captain Young had exhausted every effort to find out the true facts before signing the document.

Short of horses and his requests for steeds not heeded by the quartermaster, Captain Young on his own initiative permitted four members of his company to use their own horses and fed them from the government forage, Sergeant Snyder said in his statement.

Sergeant Snyder admitted that Privates Jacob Maxwell and Taylor Pyle were permitted to return to Washington. Continued on Page 4.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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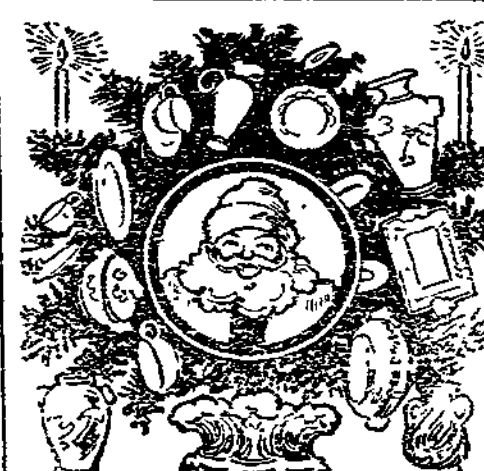
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THE INTERMINABLE DAVIS FAMILY

They All Defended the Family Honor

By M. QUAD

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"I think, suh," said Colonel Venables, "that the oldest experience a duelist ever had occurred to me a year after the war. I did not know Majah Davis until after peace came. Then he came to settle in the town where I lived."

"The majah had a good reason as a soldier, and it happened that we soon became friends. The last time I saw him I noticed that the edge of his right ear was partly gone and I made up my mind that a bullet had inflicted the damage. Of course I didn't refer to it, and it was a couple of years before he made any explanation. One day as he sat in my office he made some allusion to his falling sight and added:

"Colonel Venables, there was a time and it was not long ago that I had the sight of an eagle. I think I had the best pair of eyes in the United States."

"I made some appropriate reply, and he went on:

"Colonel, I'll tell you how good my eyes were and see if you won't be astonished. At the battle of Cedar Mountain I sat on my horse directing the operations of my regiment when I saw a Yankee soldier beside a tree half a mile away. While I watched him he drew up his gun and aimed at me. I saw that he aimed to put a bullet between my eyes. Mind you, colonel, I saw all this as plain as I see you. I could not flinch before my regiment, and I had to sit in my saddle and await my doom. After a few seconds his gun was discharged. I saw the bullet coming straight for me, and I watched it until it was within two feet of my head. Then I dodged to the left to avoid it, but I did not dodge quite far enough, and as a consequence the bullet struck the lobe of my ear."

"That was indeed wonderful," I replied, thinking he had been drinking too much and was inclined to boast.

"Yes, suh," the majah went on. "I saw the bullet every foot of the way, and that's how good my eyes were. I'm rather afraid that they are losing their sight, although I saw a bird the other day which was at least flying a mile high."

"Then surely, majah, your eyes must be all right. You are the only man I ever met who had seen a bullet in its flight."

"But maybe you don't believe my statement, colonel," he retorted.

"Why, as you say you saw the bullet I am bound to believe you, although it was a rare thing. I myself have seen cannon balls flying about."

"Yes, suh, I saw that bullet, and the man who says I didn't means to insult me."

"I tried to turn the conversation into other channels, but the majah was obstinate and perverse and would not have it. After a minute or two he said:

"Colonel Venables, I want a direct answer from you. Do you believe the statement I made or do you not?"

"You might have possibly been mistaken, majah," I replied.

"That is enough, colonel," he stiffly said as he rose up. "I will send a friend to you, suh!"

"There it was plain and straight, and within two hours the details of a duel had been arranged. We met and fought the next morning. The majah was a novice with the rapier, and I could have run him through within a minute. I did not wish him any hurt, however. I let him off with a scratch, and we went our ways. We would probably have been friends again, but within two weeks he caught the typhus fever and within a few days was dead. After about three months a stranger entered my office one day and said that he had come to challenge me with a duel.

"Why, man, I never even saw your face before," I replied.

"But I am a brother of Majah Davis, whom you fought a few months ago. You must give me satisfaction."

"According to the code of honor, if you fought a duel with a man his relatives could take it up as long as they lasted. If the majah's brother thought that any stain had rested upon his record he had a right to challenge me. I selected pistols, and when we met in the grove I sent a ball through his shoulder, and his bullet grazed my hip."

"In about four weeks another stranger entered my office. His name was Davis, and he was a brother to the last one, and he had come upon the same errand. There was no hard feelings. We spoke very pleasantly, and I agreed to accept the challenge from him. I selected rapiers this time, and we wounded each other. He went away home, and I carried my arm in a sling for three or four weeks. Then, suh, came the fourth Davis. He was a brother to the others and a fine spoken man. I could not refuse his request, as he had made a journey of fifty miles to make it. I returned to pistols this time, and I wounded him in the side, and he wounded me above the right knee.

"It was perhaps three months when the fifth Davis brother made his call. When he had introduced himself I was so surprised that I called out:

"Heavens, man, have you come about that old duel?"

"With a smile he replied that he had and that he hoped I would give him early satisfaction."

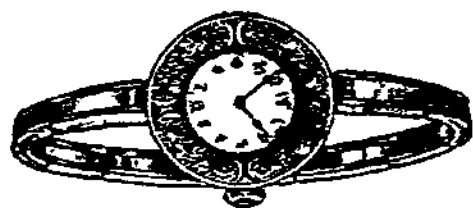
"Is there no end to the Davis brothers?" I politely asked.

"He told me that there were three more to come, and, would you believe it, suh, I was obliged to fight them all!"

THE LAST CALL

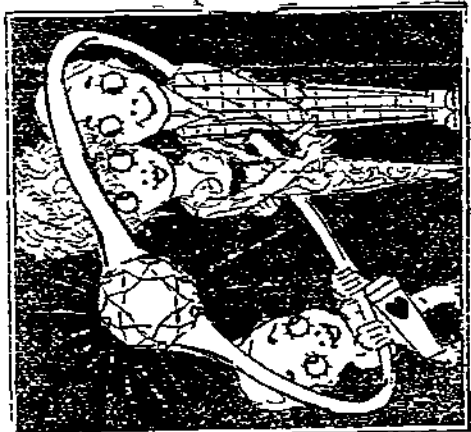
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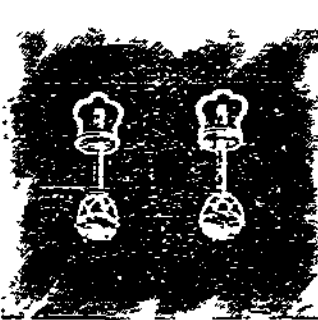
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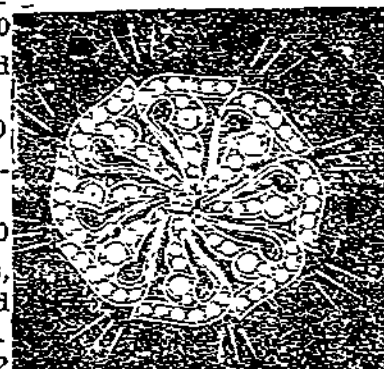
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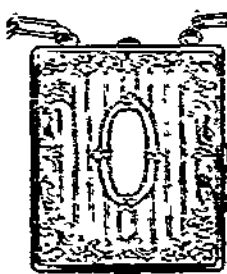


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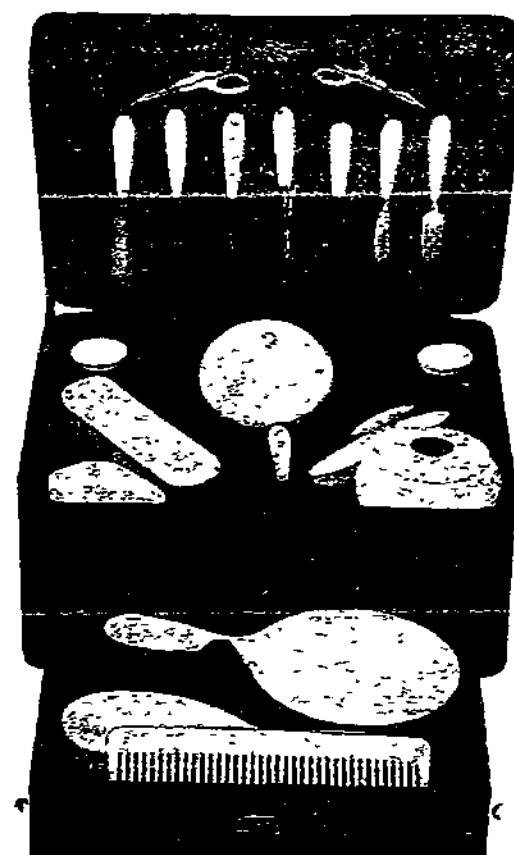


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AMONG THE THEATRES

COYLE-CHARLEROI.

The Monday show at the Coyle, a Fox attraction by the way, was one of the specials of the week in a program of high-class attractions. The title of the featuring production that day was "Jealousy," with Valeska Suratt in the starring role. By her strength of acting and through the work of a strong supporting cast the story was well brought out. On Tuesday "The Soul of Kurasan" with a great Japanese actor in the leading role was a feature. Emily Stevens appeared Wednesday in a film "The Wager," that was unusual and a brilliant production. Louise Huff and Jack Pickford were starred Thursday in "Seventeen" a broad story with a queer title. Friday's show is "Breakers," and on Saturday Dorothy Davenport is billed to appear in "The Devil's Bond Woman." For Christmas week Manager Coyle has a program that would be hard to surpass.

MAJESTIC-CHARLEROI.

Popular film stars were presented in special features each day this week at the Majestic theatre. The Monday attraction was Gail Kane in the leading role of the highly dramatic production, "The Scarlet Oath." "The Children of the Feud" featuring Dorothy Gish was shown Tuesday. Lew Fields, the celebrated comedian, and Doris Kenyon in "The Man Who Stood Still" was the main attraction of the Wednesday program. Thursday "The Social Buccaneer," with J. Warren Kerrigan and Louise Lively was featured. For Friday Clara Williams and William Desmond will appear in "The Criminal," and Saturday's picture will be "The Last Man," featuring Mary Anderson and William Duncan. Special music is furnished by the Majestic orchestra.

PALACE-CHARLEROI.

Commodore Tom, one of the greatest ponies without a doubt in point of intelligence and acting ability, was featured at the Palace theatre this week by his owner and manager. Tom played music, danced, performed the work of a bookkeeper and did numer-

ous comedy stunts that usually it takes a human to do. He finished by going to bed, and covering himself up after saying his prayers. Al and Nan Delmont presented their act, "A Night in the Musical Garden." Carrying special scenery and effects they made a hit. Phyle and Phyle, comedians, with a Harris theatre act from Pittsburgh, were well received. The last half of the week has a program equally as pleasing. Whitey's Operatic Dolls are here. The company consists of four people in a clever act. The Harringtons, with a clever dialect comedy act, are making a hit nightly and Holden and Holden, in an act of singing, dancing and comedy are proving popular. As a special Christmas offering a matinee will be given at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Monday.

NEW DAVIS-PITTSBURG.

The gayeties of the Christmas season will be artistically enhanced by the refined and high class program of vaudeville which Mr. Harry Davis will present in the New Davis Theatre every afternoon and evening during Christmas week, beginning Monday, December 25th. George

White and Lucille Cavanaugh, last season stars of Ziegfeld's "Follies" will appear for the first time in vaudeville here after a run of seven consecutive weeks at the Palace Theatre in a 1916 Revue of Smart Songs and Dances. The various changes of costume which the dancers effect during their performances give the act the atmosphere of a fashion show, while their songs and dances cover the native grace and technical skill of the dancers. Popular interest will probably be divided between the performances of White and Cavanaugh and Will Oakland and Company. Mr. Oakland is the high lyric tenor who has come to us from time to time with his own quintet in such productions as "At the Club." On this occasion he is in different atmosphere and different guise, for he is playing a musical sketch written by Henry J. Sayers entitled "Danny O'Gill, U. S. A." and is supported by Ruth Parry and John Carmody. Joseph McShane and Arria Hathaway are to appear in a sort of tabloid musical comedy without rhyme or reason, but a vehicle exactly suited to the exploitation of the couple's singing and dancing

abilities. These are but four of the nine exceptionally attractive numbers which will comprise Mr. Davis' holiday program.

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DANGER FROM AN ORDINANCE

Charleroi borough has an ordinance calling for sidewalks to be cleaned within a period of six hours after a heavy fall of snow. For general effect it might as well read six days, or six weeks.

The thaw the latter part of the week has served to emphasize the need of clean walks and the neglect of a surprisingly large percentage of property holders to attend to the matter. The slushy condition which has resulted from the thaw is conducive as nothing else to colds, and grip, for human beings have acquired an uncontrollable habit of catching disease through their feet.

Something else is to be remembered, and it is the most important—cold weather. As it comes, with the walks covered with half snow and half water, a glare of ice will be left to invite destruction to the unwary pedestrian who dares venture beyond the confines of his own home.

The ordinance stands on the statute books, a memorial to good intentions. But it is dangerous if its influence is nothing. Better by far had the borough repeal the ordinance than to continually face during bad wintry weather the prospect of heavy damage claims from people seriously hurt by severe falls, with the ordinance as the instrument on which to base their claims.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

BAKER'S TURNDOWN.

There is more than appears on the surface in this late rejection of the Lewis gun by Secretary Baker, in favor of a foreign made gun. The Philadelphia Public Ledger explains it quite tersely. Here is what it says:

In this issue of the Lewis gun, which the Secretary of War has again turned down, the general public has no other interest than the practical securing of efficiency in all departments of the Government and the procuring of such equipment for the army and navy as unqualified expertness recommends. At the same time this final rejection of the gun by the department, or rather the confirmation by the Secretary of War of previous disapprovals by the officials who reported on it, seems very strange in the face of the fact that the gun is being successfully used where the issue is too tragically vital for any mistake to be made as to its usefulness, and where no ordinance officer can afford to be severely academic in his approval or disapproval, or can risk letting red tape stand in the way of certain results which must be immediate.

The Lewis gun, so far as we are concerned, takes its place with the general problem of bureaucracy versus efficiency. And in this issue, unfortunately for the cocksure officials who report this way or that, both the navy and the army have unenviable records of hostility to new ideas or inventions made by those either inside or outside the service. This hostility toward new ideas is, of course characteristic of all bureaucracies, especially in times of peace, when departmental routine runs along lazily and stubbornness does not at once spell national disaster. But if we are to be at all forewarned by what Europe is experiencing in the hideous travail and ordeal of war, we shall have to change our tactics so far as the Washington cliques that run things or else come to grief.

Other things considered, therefore, there is more warrant for Congress taking up the problem presented by the rejection of the Lewis gun than is usually the case with its interference with purely technical problems. If we are to mobilize our industries and our technical science for the defense of the country, at least the inventors should be given a fair show; and red tape and the unbending official prejudice should not be allowed to stand in the way of getting the best.

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Replace utensils that wear out
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See our demonstrator all this week

war. With the supply of foreign toys cut off two years ago dealers have had to depend upon domestic and Japanese sources. This year there is no shortage of holiday trinkets for the little folk.

Much attention has been paid to mechanical and constructive playthings. It is an era of educational toys. The new ones possess infinitely more variety than the old ones and will retain their charm long after familiarity has dulled the delight in others of only passing appeal.

In the doll department there is a shortage. The American makers have been unable to duplicate the dolls turned out by Baravia and other foreign countries whence came the dolls of other days. Many novelties have been evolved. But the old standards are impossible of reproduction because of the lack of materials and colors. —Uniontown Herald.

THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION.

Rarely a Christmas season passes that the Grim Reaper does not collect an unusually sad and exacting toll in some locality where homes, brightened by Christmas cheer, are turned into houses of desolation.

It seems that the peril of the Christmas tree decorated, the peril of the false alarm of fire and the peril of panic will ever be in our midst. Against such, particularly the last two named, it is most difficult to guard.

If there is a time when "Safety First" needs to be emphasized in a community it is during the Christmas season. Let the people of Uniontown take every precaution in the home, in the office, in the store, to prevent anything which could occur only as the result of carelessness or thoughtlessness. —Uniontown Genius of Liberty.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

It must be nice to be a Socialist. You can knock all you wish and nobody think it strange.

Now is the time you wish you had saved that present from last year to give it back.

Hawaiian music is being adulterated and degraded in the United States, according to an exchange. Maybe that doesn't hurt it much.

We should call a million dollars in the bank reasonable security.

How about a quart of flour as a Christmas present?

Don't make the mistake that buying him a smoking jacket will make him do more of his smoking at home evenings.

An exchange proposes for an ounce of prevention the Christmas tree be decorated only with fireproof material. What is the matter with that ounce of prevention the prime feature of which is not buying a tree.

We suppose, if you smoke, it would be sensible giving for you to present your wife with a fine box of cigars.

* PICKED UP IN PASSING *

"William the Conqueror," read the small boy from his history, "landed in England in 1066 A. D."

"What does A. D. stand for?" inquired the teacher.

The small boy pondered.

"I don't exactly know," he said, "Maybe it's after dark."

Bring a social evening a woman sang for the guests. One of the guests turned to a meek-looking little man sitting at his side and said: "How awful! Who can she be?"

"That," replied the man addressed, "is my wife."

"Oh, I b-b-beg your pardon!" stammered the other. "She's really a—I know she'd sing beautifully if she made a better selection of her music. Who do you suppose wrote that song?"

"I am the author of that song," replied the meek-looking little man. —Argonaut.

"Pa, what is meant by the 'psychological moment?'"

"Have you ever seen your mother ask me for a check son?"

"Oh, yes, pa."

"And did you ever notice that she always waits until I have had a good dinner and she has brought my slippers and pulled my easy chair around to the light and struck a match for my cigar?"

"Yes, pa."

"Well, that is what is known as the psychological moment for making a domestic touch." —Hartford Express.

* NORTH CHARLEROI *

Mrs. W. F. Hagerly was a Pittsburg caller this week.
Mrs. Melvin Maines of Rices Landing visited Mrs. J. G. Bell.

Mrs. W. F. Worcester of Brownsville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crabb.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Houston and children were callers in Pittsburg.

Miss Celina Hagerly visited friends and relatives at Waltersburg Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Shanks and daughter Mrs. E. A. Culp of Belle Vernon were callers here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell were callers in Pittsburg.

* DUNLEVY *

Miss Vera Hynes of Gillespie is visiting her sister Mrs. John Barrass.

Matthew Lynn was a business caller in Pittsburg Wednesday.

George Grandy visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marconi of Pittsburg, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lottie Ridgway of Vesta visited at the home of her sister Mrs. John Peach Monday.

Mrs. Andrew Colvin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKay of Webster.

Mrs. Elizabeth Powell of Coal Center visited friends and relatives in Dunlevy Wednesday.

Mrs. John Shonts and daughter Miss Millie of Daisytown visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robson Tuesday.

Michael Lee of North Charleroi visited friends in Dunlevy Tuesday.

Frank Ludwig of Pittsburg was a business caller in town Tuesday.

CAPTAIN YOUNG'S RECORD

(Continued from page one.)

ton county. they being sick themselves and members of their families ill, but that they returned at the specified time and no one was harmed by the incident except the members of the company who had more work to do but they made no objection and were willing to assume the additional burdens in view of the circumstances.

Relative to Captain Young disposing of property belonging to the government, Sergeant Snyder stated that his superior had traded his mount which had thrown its shoes for a sorrel mare which was captured from the enemy, a common practice, and later sold the animal to Hopkins Moffitt.

Captain Young, in his own statement, relative to this charge said: "I produced no testimony and they did not give me a chance to, claiming that it made no difference if I had turned over to the government a dozen horses."

In closing his statement, Sergeant Snyder said:

"I have no interest in the prosecution of any claim of Captain Young against the United States, but with the belief that great injustice has been done a good officer and a true and efficient soldier," make this statement.

Bowling

The "Annex" team of Charleroi defeated the Belle Vernon team on the Crescent alleys.

BELLE VERNON			
Trozzo	162	116	130
Cadman	146	129	124
Riley	106	134	90
Petty	122	85	108
Frost	125	125	126

Total	661	589	578
Grand Total	1828		

ANNEX			
Rocco	91	101	113
Allshouse	169	140	133
Monack	102	106	119
Morwas	195	150	170
Yaros	103	104	114

Total	660	601	649
Grand Total	1910		

FOUR FIREMEN HURT AND HEAVY NEW CASTLE FIRE LOSS SUSTAINED

Four firemen were injured and damage estimated at \$240,000 was caused by a fire which started in the J. N. Euver's Sons' Department Store in Washington street, New Castle Thursday which for a time threatened the destruction of the business section of the city.

The Injured

GEORGE RAE, aged 40, fireman bruised and cut; overcome by smoke.

GEORGE STOCKMAN, aged 35, fireman; bruised and cut; overcome by smoke.

JOHN GROSS, JR., aged 23, fireman, body bruised.

J. R. DALTON, aged 35, body bruises and cuts.

Rae and Stockman were injured when caught under a falling wall in the Brown and Hamilton Department Store Building, where the fire spread soon after its discovery in the Euver store. Dalton and Gross were injured by falling.

STATE APPLE CROP IS 16,932,000 BUSHELS

Figures issued by the state department of agriculture are that the 1916 crop of apples amounted to 16,932,000 bushels, and was worth \$11,513,760. It is stated that there are 9,000,000 apple trees in the state and that 2,000,000 barrels of Pennsylvania apples were shipped to New York, many of them for export.

THE LAST CALL FOR THE MEN

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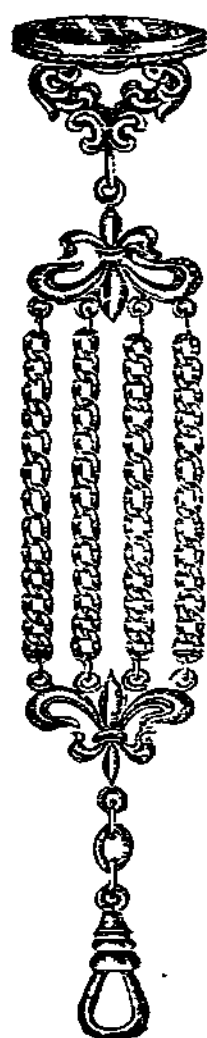


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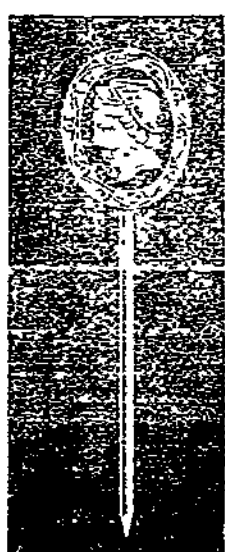
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Waldemar Chains, gold filled75c to \$2
Solid gold Waldemar Chains,\$4.50 to \$25
Solid gold front Waldemar chain\$2.95 to \$4.50
Fobs, gold filled, guaranteed\$1.50 to \$10
Fobs, gold mounted and silk\$1 to \$7.50
Lapel Chains, gold filled and gold front, guaranteed75c to \$3.00
Lapel Chains, solid gold\$4 to \$10
Gold filled Vest Chains, 20 year guarantee.. \$1 to \$4
Emblem Charms, gold filled, guaranteed\$1 to \$5.50
Charms, solid gold..\$4.50 up
Cuff Link, Stick Pin and Tie Clasp Sets in gold front and solid gold tops\$1.75 to \$7.50



Signet Cuff Links, gold filled,50c to \$1.00
Signet Cuff Links, solid gold top.....\$1.50 to 2.65
Solid gold Cuff Links plain or fancy \$2.00 to\$10.00
Set Stick Pins, gold filled from25c to \$1
Set Stick Pin, solid gold\$1 to \$5
Solid gold top signet Pins\$1 to \$1.75
Signet Stick Pins, gold filled35c to \$1



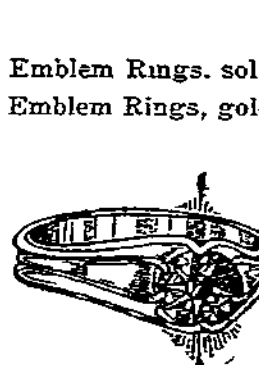
Cuff Links, Stick Pin and Tie Clasp sets in solid gold, from\$3.50 to \$8.50
Cuff Links with Diamonds\$2.95 to \$25
Also Emblem and Locker Tie Clasps
Emblem Buttons, solid gold, with diamonds at\$3.00 to \$10
Penknives, gold filled, sterling and pearl at50c to \$3.50
Penknives, solid gold and diamonds.. \$3 to \$10

Fountain Pens

Fountain Pens, Waterman, Houston Safety Chain and Parker, solid gold, engraved free of charge\$1.50 to \$10.00
Other makes, Fountain Pens, solid gold points75c up
Plain Razors\$1 to \$3.75
Gillette Safety Razors\$5.00 up
Ever Ready Safety Razor85c
Emblem Pins and Buttons, gold filled.. 25c to \$1
Emblem Pins and Buttons, solid gold, 65c to \$2

Rings

Signet Rings, solid gold\$3 to \$12
Signet Rings, gold filled\$1 to \$2.50
Set Rings, solid gold\$2.95 to \$12
Birthstone Rings, solid gold\$3 to \$10



Emblem Rings, solid gold \$4 to \$12
Emblem Rings, gold filled \$1 to \$2.50
Diamond Rings \$15 to \$350
Reconstructed Ruby, white pink and golden Sapphire Rings,\$5 to \$15

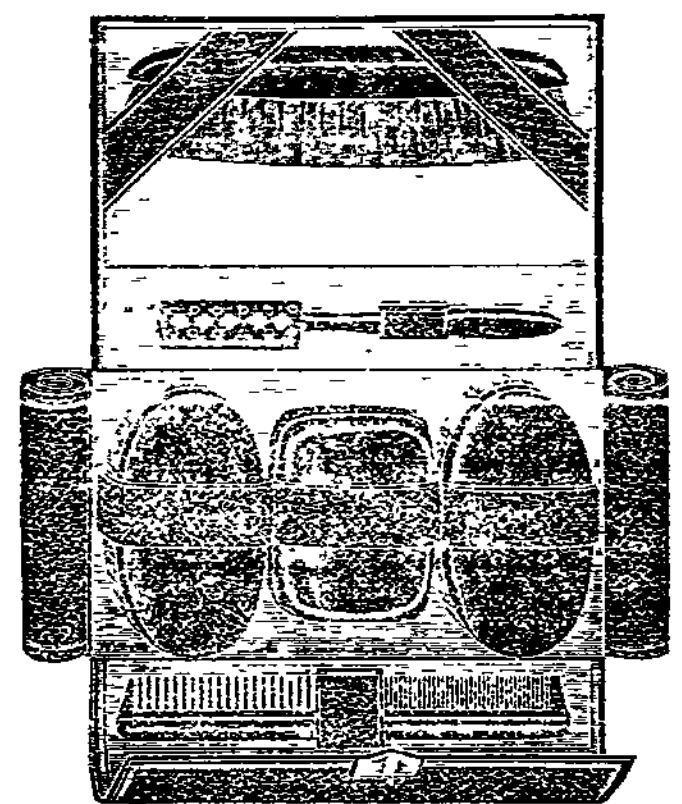
Smoking Sets

Novelty Smoking Sets from35c to \$1.00
Silver Smoking sets from\$2 to \$12
Leather Card cases50c to \$3.50
Leather Pocket Photo Frames from..75c to \$2.50
Brass Smoking Sets on stands\$2 each and up
Ash Receivers in brass and copper25c up
Desk Scissors and Letter Opener Sets.....\$2.00
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Rogers Silver Shaving Cup and Brush in fine lined box from\$2.00 to \$7.00
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Photo cases, gold filled and silver for Waldemar Chains\$3.50 up
Sterling Silver, sterling front and gold filled and solid gold Belt Buckles with genuine Leather Belt from\$1.25 each and up

Toilet and Military Sets



Military sets, quadruple silver plate from\$3.75 up
Military sets, sterling silver, 3 pieces in beautiful boxes\$8 up
3 piece Toilet sets, sterling silver from... \$10 up
Pipe and Tie Racks in silver and ivory 75c to 1.75

Umbrellas, gold and sterling silver handles, 1.50 to \$12
Flash lights35c up
Book Racks, gold leaf, brass and copper,\$1.50 up



Collar Button cases, silver and gold35c to \$2.00
Cigar Lighters from 25c up
Ivory Cabinet Clock ..75c up

Match boxes, silver and gold filled with emblems50c to \$1.00
Match Boxes, sterling silver..... \$1.50 to \$5.00
Cigarette Cases in German silver and gun metal, from50c to \$3.00
Cigarette Cases, Sterling silver.... \$7 to \$12
Amber Cigar Holders with gold band

Clothes and Hat Brushes

Clothes Brush, genuine ebony, ivory and genuine leathers,\$1.50 to 650
Cloth Brush silver plate\$1.35 up
Flasks in leather case95c up
Hat Brushes, silver plate and ivory 75c to \$2.00
Ivory Dressing Combs35c up

Mark Twain's Prophetic Wish.
Astronomy was one of Mark Twain's favorite subjects. Neither of us had any real knowledge of the matter, which made its great facts all the more thrilling. The thought that the nearest fixed star was 25,000,000,000 miles away—one-fourth million times the distance to our own remote sun—gave him a sort of splendid thrill. He would figure out those great measurements of space, covering sheets of paper with his sums, but he was not a good mathematician, and the answers were generally wrong. Comets in particular interested him, and one day he said:

"I came in with Halley's comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's comet."

He looked so strong and full of color and vitality one could not believe that his words held a prophecy.—"The Boys' Life of Mark Twain," by Albert Bigelow Paine in St. Nicholas.

Extinction of the Buffalo.
Speaking of the extinction of the buffalo, the director of the New York zoological park said:
"It is by no means true that the extermination of the buffalo is due mostly to the encroachment of human beings on their feeding grounds rather than to their wholesale slaughter. The great bison herds of the plains, from Saskatchewan to Texas, were all of them exterminated by systematic robe hunting, hide hunting in summer, killing for tongues and slaughter for all other excuses imaginable. This occurred long before any of their ranges were wanted by man either for cattle grazing or for agriculture. The legitimate industries of man played no part whatever in the extermination of the bison, either west or east. The slaughter was systematic and deliberate and far in advance of the agriculturist and the stock grower."—New York Times.

Why Spiders Fight.
When two spiders fight there is generally a good reason for the attack and the vigorous defense that follows. It is not generally known that after a certain time spiders become incapable of spinning a web from lack of material. The glutinous excretion from which the slender threads are spun is limited; therefore spiders cannot keep on constructing new snares when the old ones are destroyed. But they can avail themselves of the web producing powers of their younger neighbors, and this they do without scruple. As soon as a spider's web constructing material has become exhausted and its last web destroyed it sets out in search of another home, and unless it should chance to find one that is tenanted by a battle usually ensues, which ends only with the retreat or death of the invader or defender.

How to Make Use of Vermin.
In Paris, says a writer in the New York Sun, rats are made to serve a useful commercial purpose. When the animals are caught they are put into a deep walled pit and fed regularly. Once a month there is a general execution, accomplished in a scientific manner by means of gas. By that time the rats are sleek and plump, and their hides are in excellent condition. The hides are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves. It has also been found that the skins can be used for bookbinding and in the manufacture of photograph frames.

Inherited Idea.
"How the financier's little son is enjoying himself in the country!"
"True to instinct, his amusement is strictly in the financial line."
"How is that?"
"Don't you see how he is now planning a run on a bank?"—Baltimore American.

Scared Him.
Tom—I wonder why Harry broke his engagement with Miss Peckem. Jack—According to my information, her father offered to lend him money enough to get married on.—Indianapolis Star.

Couldn't Be Much Oftener.
He—You only kiss me now when you want money. She—Good gracious, John, isn't that often enough?—Stray Stories.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.
Sleep is Important.
The average healthy adult requires at least eight hours of sleep in the twenty-four to keep in the best condition. Perhaps you are one of the exceptions that have managed to get along on five or six hours for years and seem to thrive on it.
If so you are an exception, for most people would "run down" at that amount of sleep. Every day workers should make it a point to be in bed by 10 o'clock at least five nights in the week.
The bedroom should be quiet and well ventilated. Never permit yourself to "sleep cold." This does not mean, however, that you should pile on covers until you are weighed down with them, as this will only disturb your sleep and make it restless.
The bed, if possible, should be in that part of the room where a draft will not blow over you.
A hard mattress is better for health than a soft one, and a feather bed should not be in any modern home.

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Election.
The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of Bank of Charleroi, Pa., for the election of directors, to serve for the ensuing year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before them; will be held on January 4th, 1917, between the hours of two and three o'clock p. m., at its Banking house.
Kerfoot W. Daly, Cashier.
D15-22

GINGLES' JINGLES

COUNTRY LIFE.

Those were the days back on the farm, we love 'em, yes we don't, that quiet life appeals, 'tis great, but beat it back we won't: we're not dodging autos, and no street car takes a sneak, and biffs a geezer on his back and lands him on his beak, and disconnects the vertebra that sways his dome of thought, back on the farm where we were born, but we can love it not. The independent farmer is as lucky as can be, he asks no odds of any man, but slip it unto he, the rural mail route also helps to make his home some place, for all the news of outside worlds right to the house they chase. 'Tis great to be a ruralite, they've got it on us guys, for we have no-trills filled with dust, and cinders in our eyes; and they have markets for their stuff, for all they can produce, their life of peace and plenty sure is great, but what's the use, we've tried to like it but we can't and still it is a scream, this country life goes great with us when thrown upon the screen.
L. H. Gingles

Donkeys Are Haiti's Food Trains.
Nearly all the produce for the feeding of the population of Port au Prince, Haiti, a city of some 60,000 people, is brought in on the backs of donkeys. The public squares are converted into open air market places, and here the buying and selling goes on from early morning until 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon. When the caravans begin their toilsome journey homeward. Situated in a region famous for its fine fish among them the delectable and plentiful "red snapper," the Haitians eat quantities of salt cod imported from Massachusetts waters. And the quality of this imported staple is such as would not find favor in American markets.—National Geographic Magazine.

First "Outsiders."
Until the nomination of Franklin Pierce for the presidency of the United States the word "outsider" was unknown. The committee on credentials came in to make its report and could not get into the hall because of the crowd of people who were not members of the convention. The chairman of the convention asked if the chairman of the committee was ready to report, and the chairman answered, "Yes Mr. Chairman, but the committee is unable to get inside on account of the crowd and the pressure of the outsiders." The newspaper reporters took up the word and used it.

Executrix's Notice.
Estate of George F. Rylands, late of Charleroi, Washington county, Pa., deceased.
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the Estate of George F. Rylands, late of Charleroi, Washington County Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same should make them known without delay.
Mary A. Rylands, Executrix.
Charleroi, Pa.
Vance & Gibson, Attys.
Monongahela City, Pa.
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It's never idle a minute, busy as a nailer, gets right to the bowels; works while you're asleep or awake. Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea for stopped-up bowels, costiveness, constipation, sick headaches, bad breath, poor appetite. Try it, without fail. 35c. Henning's Drug Store Adv
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Antiquity of the Dog.
It is impossible to say when dogs were first domesticated, but some of the earliest traces are found on Egyptian monuments, with figures of dogs, somewhat of the greyhound type, which date back to at least 3500 B. C. Even in those remote days the dog was highly esteemed. Coming down a little later, we read that Ulysses 3500 years ago was recognized by his dog Argos after his swineherd had failed to do so. Plutarch speaks of Alcibiades, who cut off the tail of his dog, and Myron, the sculptor, immortalized the animal by chiseling his image in marble. The Romans valued their dogs and kept them for the chase and also as pets. Alexander the Great owned a veteran dog to which he gave a pension.

Got the Wrong Person.
In no other household except that of a doctor could this mistake, reported by the Louisville Courier-Journal, so plausibly have occurred.
"Get my bag for me at once," boomed the doctor. "Some fellow telephones in a dying voice that he can't live without me."
"Just a moment," interposed his wife. "I think that call is for daughter, dear."

Retort Malicious.
Miss Rival (triumphantly)—I suppose Jack never told you he once proposed to me. Jack's fiancée—No; he told me there were a number of things in his life he was ashamed of, but I didn't ask him what they were.—Boston Transcript.

Different Now.
Mr. Neverwed—Does your wife treat you the same as she did before you were married?
Mr. Peck—Not exactly. Before we were married when I displeased her she refused to speak to me.—Boston Globe.

Dramatic Criticism.
"Did you enjoy the show?"
"Very much. We got there late and left early, but we had a delightful luncheon at the hotel afterward."—Detroit Free Press.

Haiti's Grotesque Army.
When the late President Lescot of Haiti set about to reduce the size of his army a few years ago many of the generals whom he mustered out of the service were put to breaking rock on the street. At one time there were more officers than men in the Haitian army, according to apparently authentic statements. In former times the pay of a Haitian soldier was small at best, nothing at worst and at all times insufficient to keep the warrior fed decently. The days for leading coffee on delectable hills were great days in Haiti. They were days when the army got a square meal, thanks to the slave-drove wages which the men were able to earn, says the National Geographic Magazine. The army officers of Haiti were as fond of gold lace as a mountaineer of bright colors. Small wonder, then, that the remains of a field marshal was everywhere in evidence. Following the Haitian armies in the days before the American "big brother" movement was not a difficult job. Garbison rations consisted of a sugar cane stalk two or three feet long and what ever else the soldier could beg, borrow or steal.

Rocking Chairs.
Rocking chairs are an American institution, although they are to be found today pretty much all over the civilized world. In England they are invariably referred to as "American rockers," and indeed this application is not confined to that country. Live and there on the continent you will hear of them in the same category. Authorities are widely at variance as to the time and place of the very first rocker. But that the first one was turned out more than 200 years ago there is little room for doubt. It is fair to assume that it was the invention of a New Englander who loved his ease. He probably invented it to offset the discomforts of the very rough, straight-backed chairs of our early colonial days.—Exchange.

Monopoly.
Mrs. Knicker—How many servants do you keep? Mrs. Bocker—One for general housework.—New York Sun.

Double Juries in Italy.
Though the Italians share our own belief that twelve men can properly and justly decide the fate of anybody accused of crime, while the verdict of eleven is worthless, they have exercised enough of intelligence and foresight to provide for the always possible emergency that arises from the incapacity of one or more jurors to continue in a case.
They do it by selecting not twelve jurors, but twenty-four, to hear and judge the testimony. After the twenty-four have been chosen, however, they are separated into two classes of twelve each. The duty of one of these dozens is to serve exactly as our jurors do. The others simply sit in court, listening to all that goes on and ready to fill the places of any in the first twelve who may die, fall sick or otherwise become incapacitated for service. The extra or super-numerary jurors have no voice or vote unless transferred to the other class.—New York Times.

Lost a Boarder.
"Disease germs are everywhere."
"Well, doctor, I was going to your sanitarium for a month, but in that case I might as well stay at home."—Exchange.

Easy.
About the easiest thing in the world is to make splendid plans for the investment of the money one has not yet succeeded in getting.—Chicago Herald.

The opinions most apt to do us good are those we resent.—Life.

True.
"What causes all the trouble in this world, anyhow?" sighed the pessimist.
"People, I guess," replied the foolish optimist.—Detroit Free Press.

Monopoly.
Mrs. Knicker—How many servants do you keep? Mrs. Bocker—One for general housework.—New York Sun.

Fly the pleasure that bites tomorrow.—George Herbert.

It is hard to believe that a shadow is probably the origin of all astronomical, geometrical and geographical science. The first man who fixed his staff perpendicularly in the ground and measured its shadow was the earliest computer of time, and the Arab of today who plants his spear in the sand and marks where the shadow falls is his direct descendant. It is from the shadow of a gnomon that the early Egyptians told the length of the year. It is from the shadow of a gnomon that the inhabitants of upper Egypt still measure the hours of work for a water wheel. In this case the gnomon is a fluted staff supported on forked uprights and points north and south. East and west are pegs in the ground evenly marking the space of earth between sunrise and sunset. In a land of constant sunshine a shadow was the primitive chronometer. It was also the primitive footrule.—London Mail.

Gems of Answers.
Among the gems of history answers on examination papers are the following:

"The courage of the Turks is explained by the fact that a man with more than one wife is more willing to face death than if he had only one."

"Julius Caesar was murdered at the moving picture house."

"When the last French attack at Waterloo proved a failure Napoleon turned very pale and rode at full gallop to St. Helena."

Among "howlers" on general subjects were the following:

"Ambiguity means telling the truth when you don't mean to."

"The dantelette peril means petticoat government."

"Much butter is imported from Denmark, because Danish cows have greater enterprise and superior technical education to ours."—London Globe.

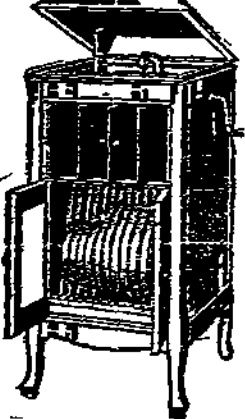
Very Slow.
"Do you drink coffee?" asked the doctor of an aged patient.
"Yes," was the reply.
"Coffee," continued the M. D., "is a slow poison."
"Yes, very slow," replied the old man. "I have taken it daily for nearly eighty years."—London Answers.

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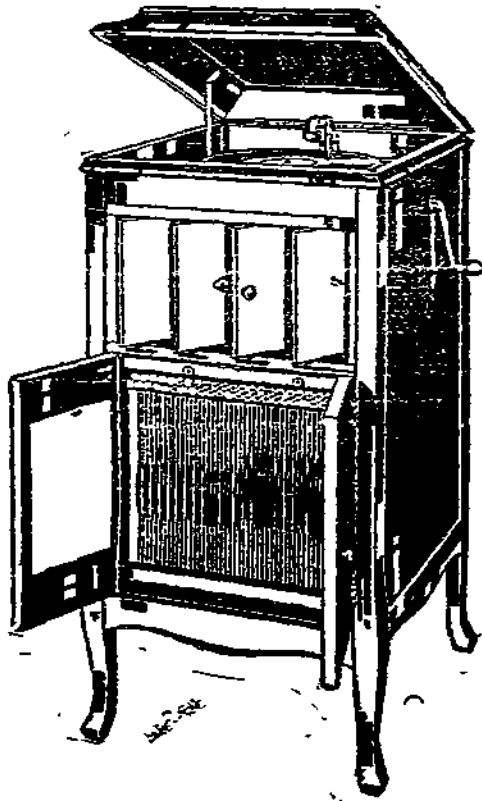
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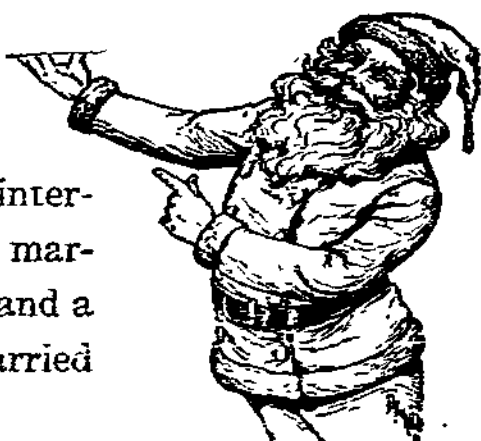


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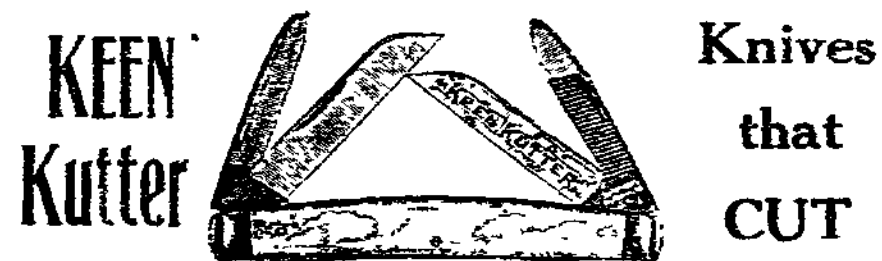
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Canals of Venice.
The canals of Venice are a part of the Adriatic sea. The city is built on 118 small islands in the gulf of Venice. These islands are connected by several hundred bridges, and the direction of the canals, of which there are nearly 200, are so formed as to constitute the "highways." Thus it is due to the situation of this city and not to special intention of man that it has canals instead of paved streets.

His Day Off.
"Who is that gentleman listening with such keen delight to a ragtime selection by the band?"
"That's Mr. Duffersby. His wife and daughters are very musical. If they were present they would clap their hands to their ears and pretend to be suffering."—Spokane Review.

Departed Warmth.
"What have you there?"
"A package of old love letters."
"Going to burn them?"
"Yes. When I wrote these missives they were so fervent I had an idea they might be ignited by spontaneous combustion, but I guess I'll have to use a match after all."—Spokane Review.

Roumanian Peasant Diversions.
"Many hands make light work" is a proverb of the Roumanian peasant often put into practice. Almost every night there is a neighborhood gathering like the old fashioned apple cutting or apple butter boiling in early American rural history. The houses have their turns at these parties, and there is always a kettle of cornmeal mush and baked pumpkin and potatoes and popcorn ready for the occasion. All hands join in the evening program of combing, carding and spinning the household supply of wool or flax, while the neighborhood gossip passes current among the elders and occasional words of love or childish jest among the more youthful members of the party.—National Geographic Magazine.

The Day of the Carver.
Carving was once a serious thing. The sixteenth century carver was a professional. He had to make the joint fit the guest. The size of his slices was the thing. Then he had to know his guests and cut accordingly. A lord, for instance, at the table, and a pike was sliced up whole. Smaller fry, and the pike came on in slices. The same procedure with pig. The rank of the diners decided whether it should appear at table in gold leaf or naked, whole or sliced. With bread, too, there was a difference. New or three days old baked was at the discretion of the carver as he sized up the visitors. And as for the apportioning of the tidbits according to precedence there was no end. The old time carver, in fact, was born and then made.—London Standard.

Difficult Feat.
Two boys stood in front of the entrance gate of a football field. They had no money, but they were determined to outwit the gatekeeper somehow and get in and see the game. They suggested scheme after scheme to one another, and finally the older boy said:
"I got it now! We'll walk in backward, and he'll think we're coming out."—Exchange.

Not Catching.
Mrs. Nouveau Riche—Willie, I don't want to see you play with the Slingsby-Smythe's dog again. Willie Ditt—Why not, ma? Mrs. N. R.—The dog is pedigreed, they say, and there's no telling when it may have another fit of them.—New York Globe.

His Suspicion Confirmed.
How interesting the financial columns in the morning papers can be to the traveled reader! For instance, here's a market report that says "butter was strong." This confirms an impression formed at a boarding house recently.—London Ideas.

Feminine Intuition.
"I thought you were going to send that hat back, Maude. What induced you to keep it?"
"Every girl I know was careful to tell me, as soon as she saw it on me, how unbecoming it was."—Baltimore American.

On the Line.
"You say you have spent hours over a single line?"
"Yes; and sometimes days."
"Then you're a poet?"
"No; I'm an angler."

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Infant Dies.
Helena Newiadyna, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Newiadyna of 1215 McKean Avenue died at the home of her parents. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Why not buy the boy a new suit for Christmas at Berryman's. 159-12

History Made.
Joseph Salvador, the French historian, and Jules Sandeau, a novelist, made their meeting at a public reception the occasion for a dispute as to the respective places which they occupied in the world of letters.
"The reading of history is like a pill—it needs the sugar coating to make it palatable," argued the novelist.
"Ah, but it is the ingredient which cures, not the coating," remarked the historian.
"Then let us divide honors," said Sandeau, "for if it were not for my sugar coating your historical facts would dry on the shelves."

Discretion.
"I say, Dick, lend me another ten, will you?"
"Heavens! Why don't you go to work and earn money?"
"Don't dare to, my boy. People would think the governor had disinherited me, and that would ruin my credit."—Boston Transcript.

A Goal He Had Never Reached.
"You are the greatest inventor in the world," said a newspaper man once to Alexander Graham Bell.
"Oh, no, my friend, I'm not," said Bell. "I've never been a reporter."

WEATHER PROGNOSTICATOR HITS IT WITH BLIZZARD

The weather prognosticator struck it right with his weather predictions of snow and hard weather today. From present indications and from vague reports from the weather department western Pennsylvania will experience a much anticipated white Christmas. The snow this morning took the form of a blizzard, with falling temperature being an accompaniment.

ICE AND FOG MAKE RIVER TRAVEL SLOW

The movement of poolboats and other craft in the Monongahela river was hampered Thursday by ice and fog, and in addition to those elements boats in the Ohio river had to contend with a low stage. During the early part of the morning some of the poolboats in the upper pools of the Monongahela river had to lay up until the fog cleared enough for them to continue their trips.

WEST VIRGINIA RAILROAD HEARING IS COMPLETED

The taking of testimony in the suit of the Wheeling, Ohio and Eastern Railroad Company against the Wheeling Coal Railroad company over points in the right of way for a railroad up Big Wheeling Creek, was completed in circuit court Wheeling, before Judge H. C. Harvey, Thursday. It was announced that counsel for the plaintiff shall submit briefs for the submission of briefs by attorneys for the Wheeling Coal Railroad.

Has Accident With Wagon.
James Sphar, a coal driver of Fallowfield, had a slight accident with his wagon at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fifth street Thursday afternoon. His wagon slid into the curb breaking one of the rear wheels.

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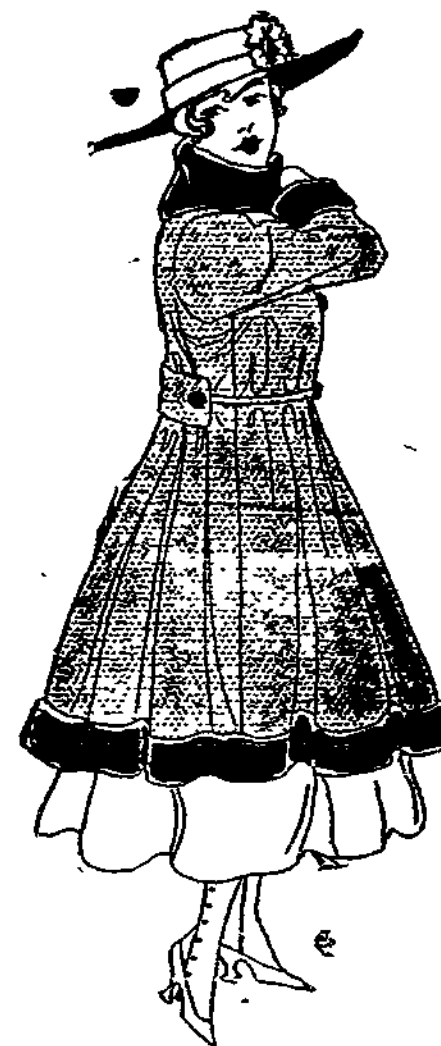
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This department can take care of quite a number of the things you wish to purchase for Christmas Gifts.



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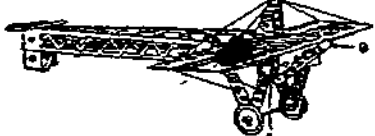
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Penalties For Meat Eating.

A most remarkable regulation affecting the food supply was one which attained its full vigor during Shakespeare's youth and which, in view of his early familiarity with the slaughter house—there are seventeen references to the butcher's trade in the historical plays—must have been brought particularly to his notice. This was the law, first enacted in 1549 and extended in 1566, enforcing abstinence from flesh for political and economic reasons, not only in Lent and on Ember days, Vigils and Fridays, but also on Saturdays and even on Wednesdays. The object aimed at in this legislation was the strengthening of the British navy through the encouragement of the fisheries, the North sea fisheries being regarded as a gold mine while the Dutch were exploiting. In 1633 four women who had a meal of meat in a London tavern during Lent were set in the stocks all night, and the woman who supplied them was set in the pillory.

Wild Cotton.

A common plant which grows in a score of shapes and sizes is the milkweed. It is called milkweed from the milky juice contained in the stems, some bear white blossoms, others purple, while the stems and leaves have a variety of sizes and shapes. After the blossoms disappear the plants bear seed pods, which are the "hangers" for the air scouts.

Each seed has a set of wings of airy tint. As the pods ripen and break open the wind lifts the light seeds and scatters them broadcast.

Nature came very near making a substitute for cotton when she produced milkweed. In fact, the plant is known sometimes as "wild cotton." But the lint in the seed pods has not the twist of cotton fiber and therefore cannot be used for spinning. Nevertheless it provides a satisfactory down for stuffing pillows, a use to which frequently it is applied.—Boston Journal.

An Artist's Joke.

Holman Hunt, who began life as a clerk to an auctioneer and estate agent, was constantly drawing portraits when he should have been drawing up leases, and in his chosen profession he was never slow to seize the flying moment. The windows in his room were made of ground glass, and as he had little to do he spent much of his time in drawing flies upon its roughened surface. A blot of ink sufficed for the body and some delicate pencil strokes for the wings, and at a distance the deception was perfect. Day by day the number increased, and one morning his employer came in, stopped before the window and exclaimed: "I can't make out how it is. Every day that I come into this room there seem to be more and more flies." And, taking out his handkerchief, he attempted to brush them away.

New Zealand's Glaciers.

The great size of the glaciers around Mount Cook, in New Zealand, has been often remarked. The Tasman is eighteen miles long, the Murchison ten miles, the Godley eight miles, the Mueller eight miles and the Hooker seven miles. Most of these glaciers have moraines of exceeding roughness, but the approaches to them are not steep, as is usually the case with European glaciers. The southern Alpine snow line is only a little over 7,000 feet. Glacially polished rocks are rare, and in many ways the mountains are singularly different from those of central Europe.

His Practice.

"The footpad fired at you four times from a distance of twenty feet and yet missed you?"

"Oh, no," replied the hero of the adventure. "I missed him. I have dodged so many automobiles and motorcycles that I had no difficulty in dodging the bullets."—Kansas City Star.

Missing Then.

Father—Don't know the French for cat, and you had a French nurse for years! Hopeful—But, dad, we hadn't got a cat when Adele was with us.—London Punch.

There Were Others.

Redd—You say he ran into debt when he got his car? Greene—Yes; that was the first thing he ran into.—Yonkers Statesman.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.

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"In climbing the ladder of success what have you learned that you could pass on as aid to other struggling young men?" I asked H. P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan & Co. "Did you conceive any shining goal and bend everything to getting there?"

"No," he replied emphatically. "Whatever job I had was to me always the very best job in the world, and I tried to fill it. I made no elaborate plans for the future. If I had any system in my labor it was first to do my own work; second, to teach the fellow below me how to take my place; third, to learn how to fill the position ahead of me."

"Boys and young men should not imagine that their work is so unimportant that nobody takes note of how they do it. It does not take long to find out whether a boy is on his toes watching how he can best be of help in a situation or whether he merely sits down and waits to be told what to do. The simple virtues of willingness, readiness, alertness and courtesy will carry a boy farther than mere smartness."

"Perhaps it will not be out of place for me to describe an incident which may carry a lesson for the young men you are anxious to help. One day when I was telling a customer offered me a very fine gold pen. I went right into the office and asked if this man had any loan from the bank. I explained that he had asked me to accept the gift. The bank promptly acted, and it was not long before the fellow was in bankruptcy. The simple course I took saved the bank a good deal of money."—B. C. Forbes in Leslie's.

EQUINE ARTFUL DODGERS.

Deafness and Lameness, That Were Just Pure Bluff.

We all know, of course, the livery nag who pretends to be deaf. You tell him to "set up," and he getteth not up; you cluck to him, and he accelerateth not his pace. Is he deaf? Not he. You know, by a certain rolling of his eye and wiggling of his ears, that he hears you perfectly well. His deafness is pure bluff. It is like the lameness which some shrewd old nags sometimes put on.

Will a horse pretend to be lame when he is not? Some horses certainly will. Two or three years ago the Nomad was driving a livery nag on a road in Vermont, when the animal suddenly began to limp terribly; couldn't go off a slow walk. It was pretty serious, for a journey of about twenty miles had just been begun. Knowing a man on the road who was a practical horseman, the Nomad drove up to his door and submitted the animal to the expert's examination. The man looked at the horse's feet, examined his legs—looked him over thoroughly. "Did the horse go all right when you started out?" he asked. Yes; the horse had gone all right for three or four miles. "Well," said the expert, "this horse is shamming; there is nothing the matter with him."

Then he addressed some plain language to Dobbin, advising him with some sharpness to cut it all out and go along as he ought to. The Nomad touched the horse with the whip, and he trotted on to the end of the journey without the slightest limp.—Nomad in Boston Transcript.

Swearing on the Bible.

The method of swearing by the Bible came into use at a very early period, practically with the establishment of courts of law in Christian countries. It was the ordinary method of swearing when America was settled by Europeans and was naturally adopted here. Oaths were common before the Christian era, and any form may be used that conforms to the religious belief of the person to be sworn. Hebrews are often sworn on the Pentateuch, keeping on their hats, and their oath ends with the words, "So help me, Jehovah." A Mohammedan is sworn on the Koran.—Philadelphia Press.

He Made the Sale.

"Yes, the property is cheap enough. Why do you want to sell it?"

"You won't give me away?"

"No."

"Well, sir, it's because I'm the only man in this neighborhood that doesn't move in high society, and I'm lonesome."—Chicago Tribune

Sample.

"George didn't keep his engagement with me last night," said the girl who was betrothed to him.

"I'd give him a piece of my mind," said her mother.

"Just a little sample of married life," suggested father.—Cleveland Leader.

A Biting Sentiment.

You have to be careful even about paying compliments. Bill Mixer, who used to write ads. for a tobacco house, got himself in bad when he started writing copy for a butter concern and wrote "Guaranteed not to bite the tongue."—Boston Globe.

A Real Autocrat.

"Here's the photograph of a famous maitre d'hotel. He has a stern and haughty look."

"Hasn't he, though? I dare say that fellow wouldn't unbend for any tip less than a \$100 bill."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Car on the Brain.

"Do you know how to handle an emergency?"

"Is that going to be one of the new makes?"—Baltimore American.

The feeble howl with the wolves, bray with the asses and bleat with the sheep.—Roland.

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FOUND—The place to buy the Pathophone. Tomlinson's Jewelry Store. 159-41

PERSONALS

Charles Lowstuter a student of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with his father J. C. Lowstuter of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. J. P. Cordes of Pittsburg is

visiting with her daughter Mrs. Burdell Clutter of Fallowfield avenue. Miss Frances Hill of Scenery Hill was a caller in Charleroi Friday.

James Wagner and MacKay Jimerson, students at State College are here to visit with their parents during the holiday vacation.

Prof. and Mrs. S. R. Grimm and daughter Nancy of Meadow avenue left Friday afternoon for Washington to visit over Christmas with relatives.

A marriage license has been granted at Washington to Miss May Barth, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Barth and C. Warren Kinder. Their marriage will be an event of the holidays.

Mrs. Lee Showers of Fifth street is suffering from a severe attack of quinsy.

John Gaut, a student of Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gaut of the Hotel Waldorf.

Miss Marion Benedict left Friday for her home at Massillon, Ohio, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Madeline Noble of Fifth street

visited at Donora, Friday. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brand of Ninth street, at ten-pound daughter.

Miss Helen Booth who attends school at Mt. Holyoke, Mass., is here to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Booth of Crest avenue.

Deeds Recorded.

Nov. 29, 1916—William D. Smith, et ux., Pittsburg to Co-operative Realty Co., a lot fronting 22 feet on Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi and extending back 100 feet; consideration \$1.

Jan. 6, 1905—Emma Murdock, et al. Charleroi, to Mary F. Davidson, Charleroi a lot fronting 23 feet on McKean avenue, Charleroi and extending back 100 feet; also a lot fronting 22 feet on Washington avenue, Charleroi; consideration \$1.

November 7, 1916—A. C. Robinson, trustee of William S. Kuhn, bankrupt, Pittsburg, to West Penn Power Co., three lots fronting 120.18 feet on Maple street, Charleroi, and extending back 191.03 feet; also a lot fronting 66 feet on Washington avenue, Charleroi, and extending back 25.75 feet; consideration \$1.

CONNELLSVILLE CHRISTMAS PAYS THIS WEEK LARGE

The largest Christmas pays in the history of the Connelleville region are being distributed this week. Connelleville division employees of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company were paid Thursday. Those of the Pittsburg division will receive their checks today. The H. C. Frick company will pay its men today. Practically every industrial concern in the region is distributing checks or cash to employees this week. Without exception, it is stated, the amounts are larger than ever before.

Pittsburg Population 579,090

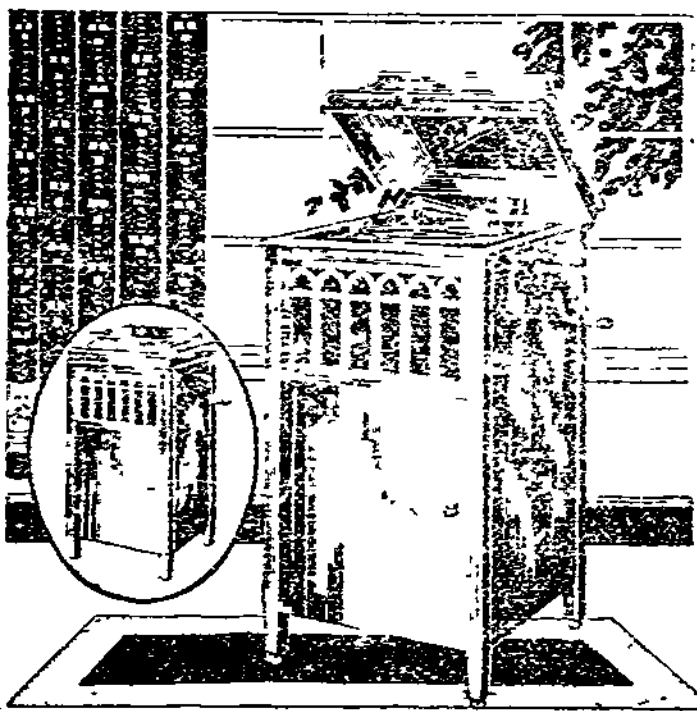
Estimates of population for 1916, announced Thursday by the bureau of the census, gives these figures for the country's largest cities: New York, 5,602,841; Chicago, 2,497,722; Philadelphia, 1,709,518; St. Louis, 757,300; Boston, 756,476; Cleveland, 674,073; Baltimore, 589,621; Pittsburg, 579,090; Detroit, 571,784; Los Angeles, 503,812; Buffalo, 468,558; San Francisco, 463,516.

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Our Early Presidents.

The roads leading to the homes of our early Virginia presidents were filled with admirers, who arrived, according to the custom of the south, by coach and chariot, bringing their horses and their servants and staying sometimes for days to cumber the stables and empty the larder. Washington, one of the richest Americans of his generation, escaped bankruptcy, having the fortune to die within three years of laying down the presidency. The others all suffered. Jefferson paid the penalty of fame by being literally eaten out of house and home, and his biographer's idyllic statement that "no hard work was done at Monticello" scarcely tallies with the assertion of his daughter that she and her household servants were sometimes called upon to provide beds for fifty people. Monroe said of his visitors that "some were bounties and some were taxes." On the whole he thought that there were enough of the former to offset the latter, but, in his opinion, pensions for former presidents were a necessity, since under our republican plan they could not shut their doors and refuse hospitality to this sentimental horde without discredit to the country.—Helen Nicolay in Century Magazine

More Than Gracituous.

Apropos of the custom of some hostesses to invite professional artists to their homes in the expectation that they will amuse their guests free of charge a story is told of Mme. Berthe Bady, the famous Parisian artist, who was invited to a social gathering and asked by the hostess to recite. She consented, and then, in order that there might be no mistake about the matter, the hostess said: "How kind it is of you to work for us in this friendly manner!" The emphasis on the word "friendly" was so marked as to show clearly enough that the service was to be gratuitous. After the recitation was over Mme. Bady took a silver card tray from a footman, and, imitating the musicians in the cafes chantants, she made a tour of the drawing room and collected whatever contributions were offered, and they were substantial ones. Then she banded them to her hostess and left the house.

Sardinia's Great Festival.

Each "pease" or village of Sardinia has its annual festival to celebrate the birthday of its own particular saint or some other church feast. The most renowned of these is the "festa" of St. Eusebio, the national feast of the island. The ceremony is in the form of a procession from Cagliari, the chief city, to Pula, a village nine miles away, with the return to Cagliari. The saint was an official in the army of Diocletian and for his conversion to Christianity was beheaded at Pula. At midday of May 1 the procession leaves and returns on the evening of May 4. It is composed of a cavalcade of horsemen, all in the costume of the ancient Sardinian militia, escorting the image of the saint, which is preceded by musicians playing the launeddas, an instrument made of three or four reeds of different lengths and resembling the pipe of ancient times.—National Geographic Magazine

Her Affliction.

Niece—Katherine writes me that Mrs. Dasher has got the ailment. Aunt Selma—Dear dear! I'm afraid it will go hard with her. She is a frail, nervous creature.—Exchange.

Wonderful Writing.

In competition for a prize offered by a newspaper for the best example of macaronic writing a reader sent in a fairly readable and exhaustive account of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America written on a hen's egg.

Another competitor's series of efforts included the Lord's Prayer written on a snail's shell, the alphabet and the first chapter of Genesis inscribed within a circle no bigger than a snail's egg.

A third Canadian sent in Francois Couperin's "Hennette," containing 100 words, written on the back of a hen's egg.

On the whole, a hen's egg was a case of sixteen had ever had 2107 words written on it, the prize money being a powerful tool.

A committee of six examined the various entries, and eventually the prize was awarded to a man who sent in the first two sheets of a great newspaper written on a postcard.

Thankful Invalid.

"Well, Mrs. Davies," said the district visitor to the old woman who had been bedridden for years, "and how are you today?"

"Oh, I'm pretty well, thank you," was the cheerful answer.

"Ah, that's right!" responded the clergyman sympathetically. "I hardly expected to find you to be in such good spirits, considering your affliction. I was afraid I should find you down hearted."

"No, no, sir," she cried, interrupting him. "No, no, indeed, sir! I've much to be thankful for. I have. Why, only the other night when that house just opposite was on fire I couldn't help thinking of all the poor people crushing each other in the street and many of them not getting a sight of the fire at all, while here was I, all nice and comfortable in bed, and I could see it beautifully through my window without even turning over. Yes, sir, I've a lot to be thankful for."—Exchange.

Novel Methods of Warfare.

In ancient history there are two well authenticated instances of wild animals being used by attacking armies. The first is related by Appian when describing the siege of Themisera. In Pontus, by Lucullus in his war against Mithridates. Turrets were brought up, mounds were built, and huge mines were made by the Romans. The people of Themisera dug open these mines from above and through these holes cast down upon the workmen bears and other wild animals, together with swarms of bees. The second instance occurred in England when the Danes and Norwegians were attacking Chester, held by the Saxons and some Gallic auxiliaries. After adopting stoning and boiling water defenses in vain against the besiegers the Saxons threw down all the beehives in the town upon the attackers, who were soon routed.—Exchange.

Crossing the Legs.

If we sit for some time with our legs crossed our foot "goes to sleep." We are really pressing on the sciatic nerve which supplies nearly all of the nerves of the leg and foot. The nerve is elastic and is flattened by pressure just like a rubber hose. The fibers which make up the nerve are sensory—that is to say, they carry sensations to the brain. Motor nerves carry sensations from the brain to the body. The only way to stop a nerve carrying sensations is by cutting it or by pressure which pushes apart the soft nerve matter, which is covered with a sheath. Just as the water is pushed apart if you press a hose. When the pressure is on the nerve messages cannot pass backward and forward. If the pressure is released the nerve matter returns to its place and does its work.

The Loyal Bookseller.

Certainly the most loyal bookseller on record was the John Stubbs who offended Queen Elizabeth by publishing a book protesting against the proposed marriage with the "imp of the crown of France." The unhappy man was condemned to suffer the loss of his right hand, which was accordingly chopped off with a butcher's knife in the market place at Westminster. "I remember," says Camden, "standing by Stubbs who, as soon as his right hand was off, took off his hat with his left and cried aloud: 'God save the queen!' The next moment he fainted."—The Romance of Bookselling

Good Idea.

"I'm thinking of opening an all night hat store next door to some fashionable restaurant."

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"If a restaurant patron doesn't feel like tipping the hat boy he can walk out bareheaded, drop into my store and buy a new hat."—New York World

Not Digestible.

Tramp—Please, ma'am, will you give me a bite to eat? Lady—I haven't anything cooked, but I can give you a pair of old shoes. Tramp—Excuse me, ma'am, but I'm no goat.

Violent.

"Was her father violent when you asked him for her hand?" "Was he? Great guns! I thought he'd shake my hand off."—London Saturday Journal.

On the Quiet.

Little Marjory—Mamma, what is a spinster? Mother—A spinster, my dear, is a woman to be envied. But don't tell your father I said so.—Liverpool Mercury.

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.—Franklin.

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